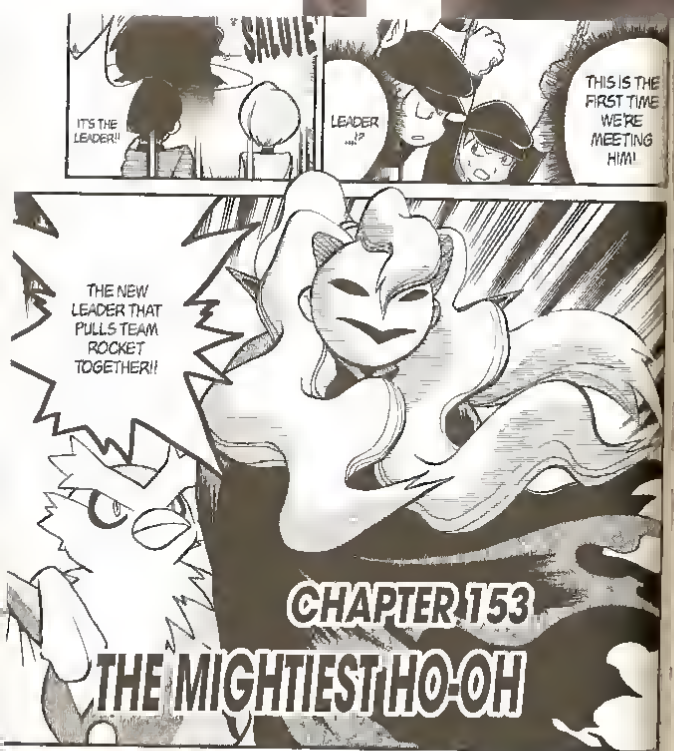
SALUTE
IT'S THE LEADER!!
LEADER ...!?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'RE MEETING HIM!
THE NEW LEADER THAT PULLS TEAM ROCKET TOGETHER!!
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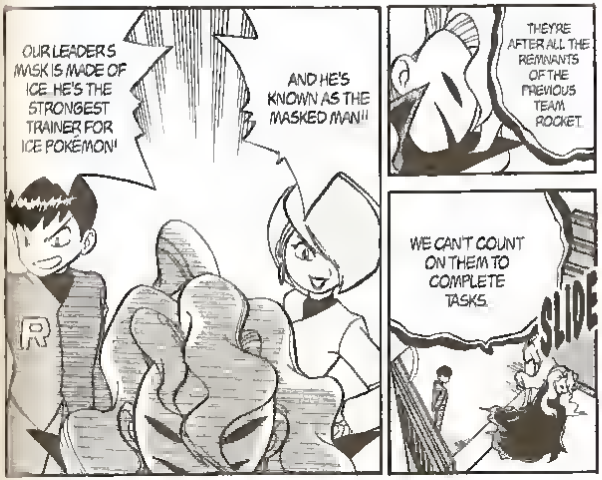
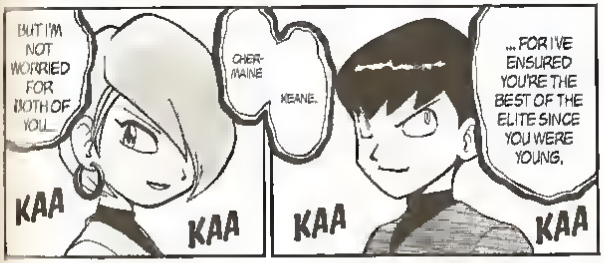
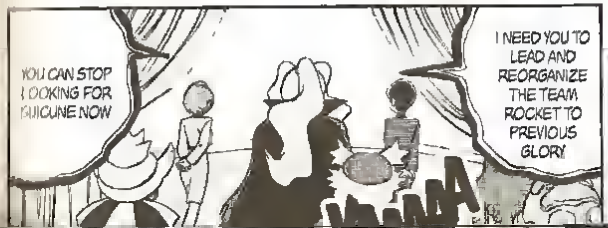
THE MIGHTIEST HO-OH

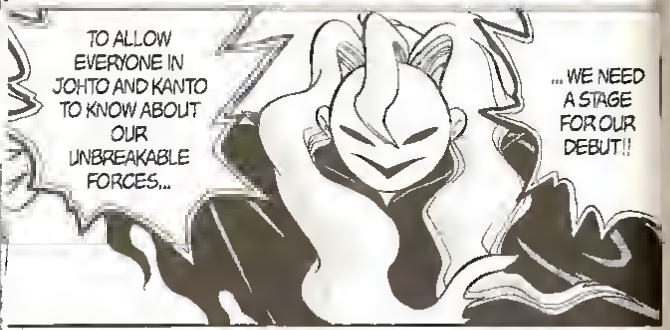
YIKES !!
FREEZE
WHAT!?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW

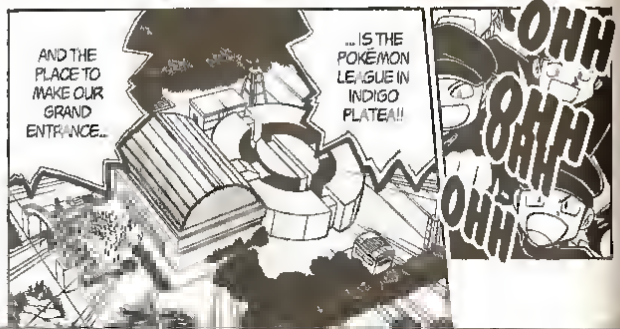

OUR LEADER'S MASK IS MADE OF ICE. HE'S THE STRONGEST TRAINER FOR ICE POKÉMON!
AND HE'S KNOWN AS THE MASKED MAN!!
THEY'RE AFTER ALL THE REMNANTS OF THE PREVIOUS TEAM ROCKET.
WE CAN'T COUNT ON THEM TO COMPLETE TASKS.
SLIDE

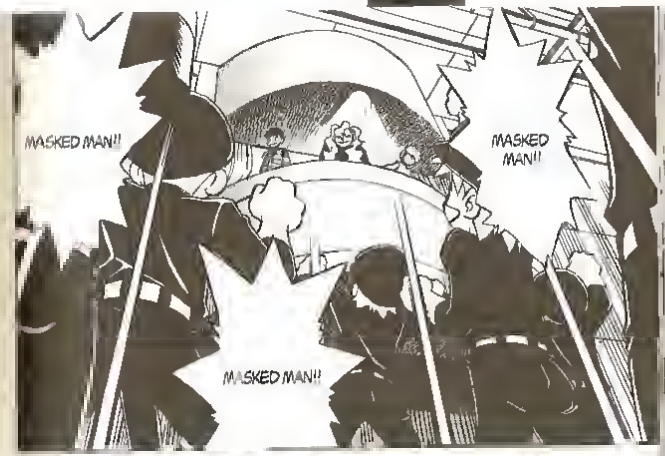

BUT I'M NOT WORRIED FOR BOTH OF YOU...
KAA
KAA
CHER-MAINE
KEANE.
KAA
... FOR I'VE ENSURED YOU'RE THE BEST OF THE ELITE SINCE YOU WERE YOUNG.
KAA


YOU CAN STOP LOOKING FOR SUICUNE NOW
I NEED YOU TO LEAD AND REORGANIZE THE TEAM ROCKET TO PREVIOUS GLORY!

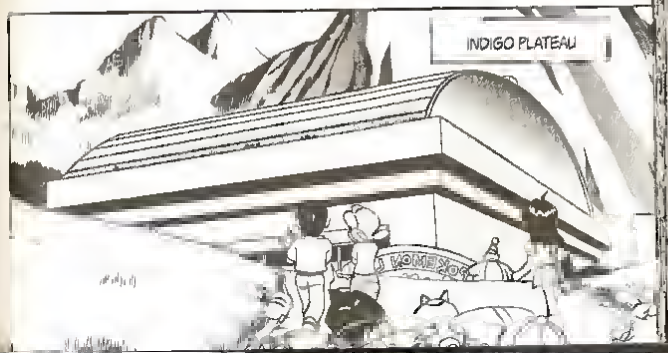
YOU HEAR THAT!!
THE TIME HAS COME !!
WE'RE READY TO RESUME OUR ACTIVITIES WITH A BANG!!


TO ALLOW EVERYONE IN JOHTO AND KANTO TO KNOW ABOUT OUR UNBREAKABLE FORCES...
...WE NEED A STAGE FOR OUR DEBUT!!

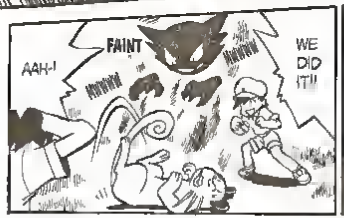

AND THE PLACE TO MAKE OUR GRAND ENTRANCE...
...IS THE POKÉMON LEAGUE IN INDIGO PLATEAU!!
OHH
OHH
OHH

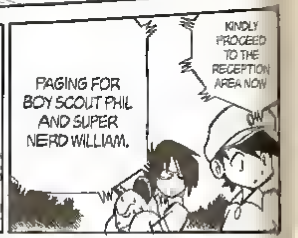

MASKED MAN!!
MASKED MAN!!
MASKED MAN!!

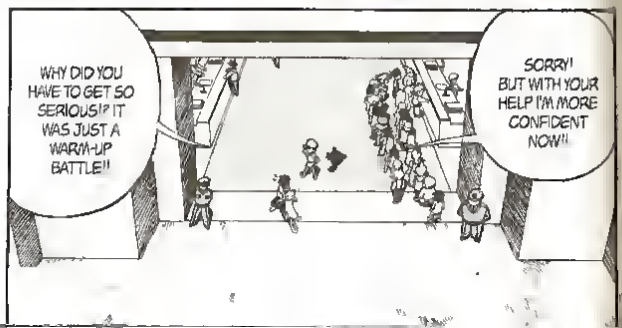
!?
OH-
LEADER, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
TH..IT PLACE!

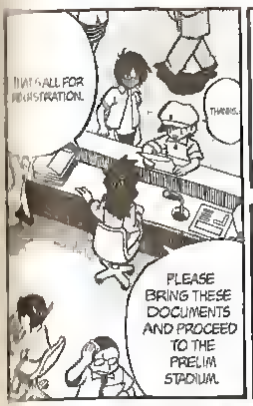

INDIGO PLATEAU

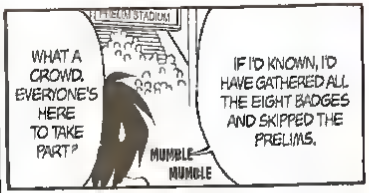
"FAINT ATTACK" !!
WHAT! "HYPNOSIS" !!
AND "NIGHT-MARE"!!


AAH-!
FAINT
WE DID IT!!

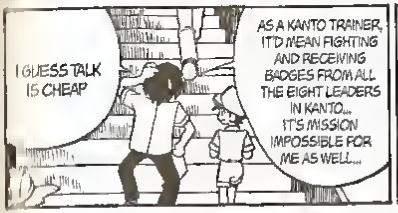

PAGING FOR BOY SCOUT PHIL AND SUPER NERD WILLIAM.
KINDLY PROCEED TO THE RECEPTION AREA NOW


WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GET SO SERIOUS!? IT WAS JUST A WARM-UP BATTLE!!
SORRY! BUT WITH YOUR HELP I'M MORE CONFIDENT NOW!!

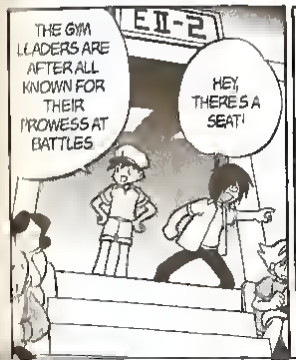

IT WAS ALL FOR DEMONSTRATION.
THANKS.
PLEASE BRING THESE DOCUMENTS AND PROCEED TO THE PRELIM STADIUM.


PRELIM STADIUM
WHAT A CROWD. EVERYONE'S HERE TO TAKE PART?
MUMBLE-MUNCLE
IF I'D KNOWN, I'D HAVE GATHERED ALL THE EIGHT BADGES AND SKIPPED THE PRELIMS.

YOU BOAST PRETTY WELL HUH?
WHAT'D YOU MEAN!?


I GUESS TALK IS CHEAP
AS A KANTO TRAINER, IT'D MEAN FIGHTING AND RECEIVING BADGES FROM ALL THE EIGHT LEADERS IN KANTO... IT'S MISSION IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME AS WELL...

YEA.
AND IT SEEMS THAT NO ONE HAD MANAGED TO COLLECT EIGHT FOR THIS LEAGUE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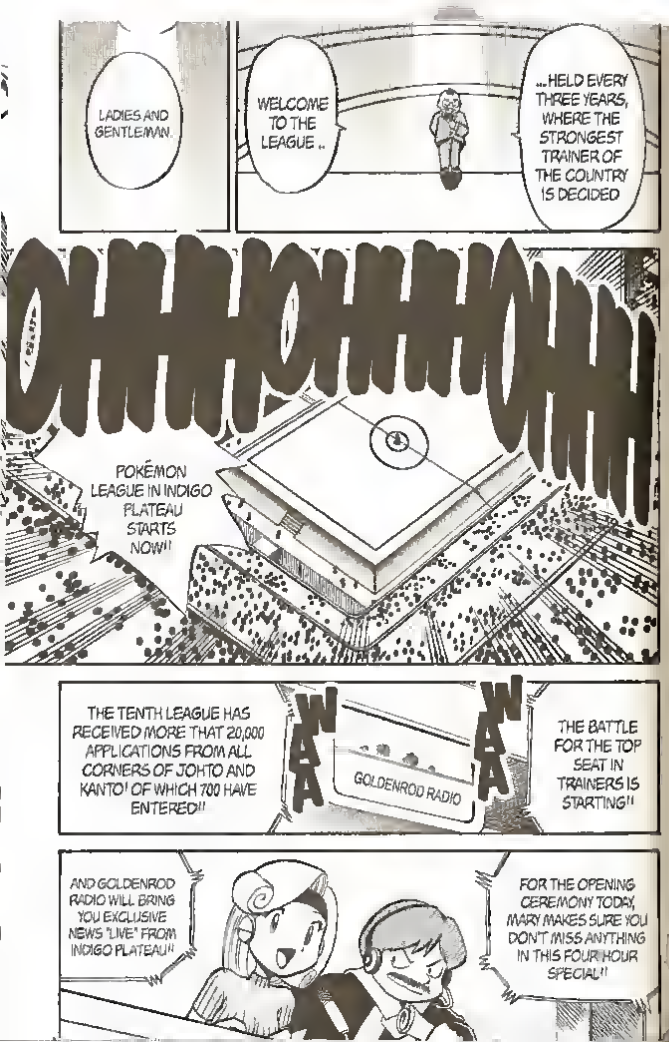
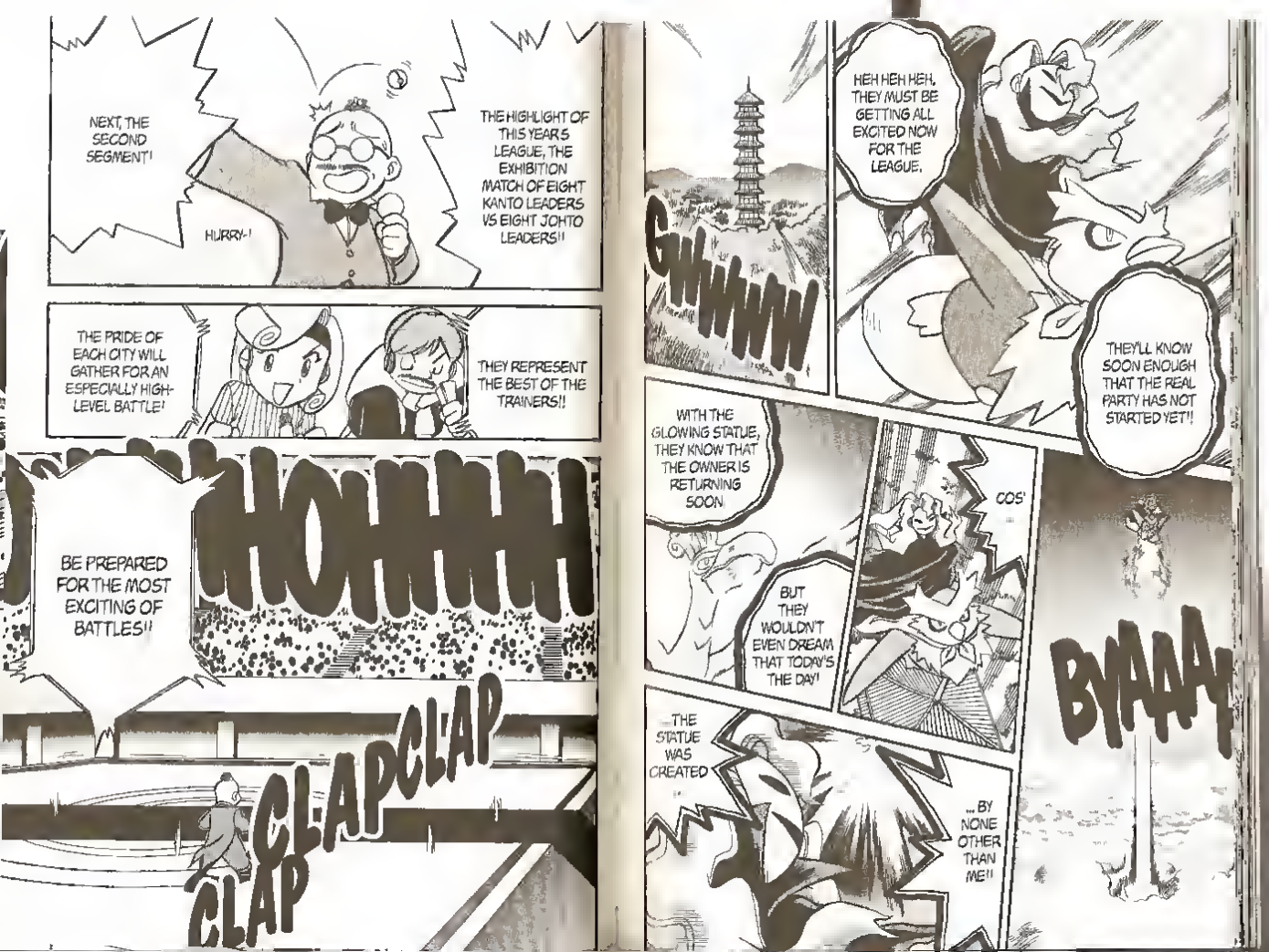
THE GYM LEADERS ARE AFTER ALL KNOWN FOR THEIR PROWESS AT BATTLES.
HEY, THERE'S A SEAT!

YEAH. BUT THE HIGHLIGHT IS STILL THIS TOURNAMENT
LEADERS VS LEADERS !

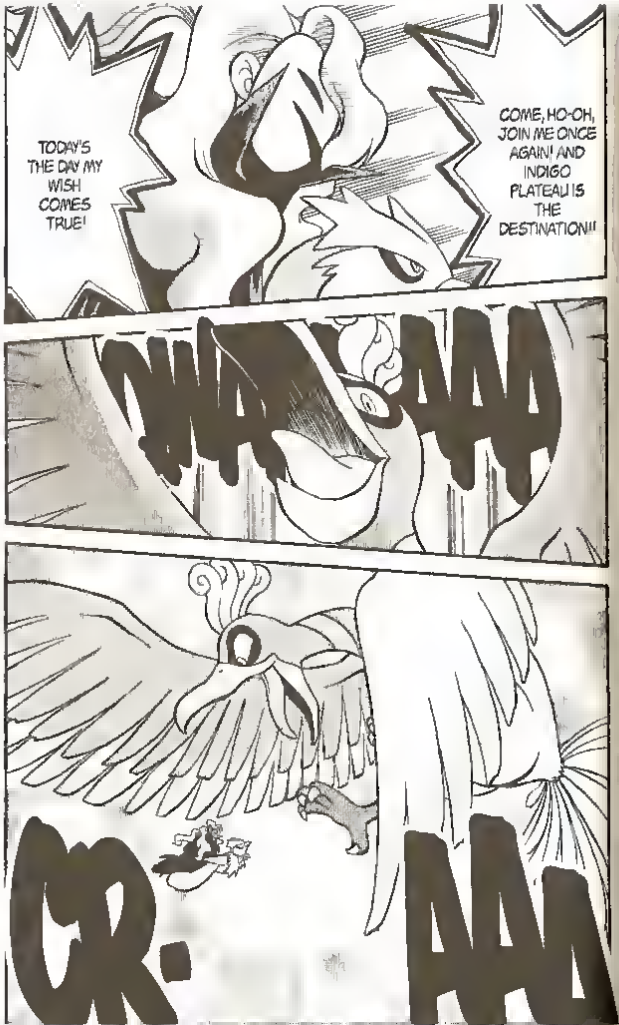
SHSS
IT'S STARTING!


LADIES AND GENTLEMAN.
WELCOME TO THE LEAGUE ..
...HELD EVERY THREE YEARS, WHERE THE STRONGEST TRAINER OF THE COUNTRY IS DECIDED
OHHHHHHHHH
POKÉMON LEAGUE IN INDIGO PLATEAU STARTS NOW!!
THE TENTH LEAGUE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAT 20,000 APPLICATIONS FROM ALL CORNERS OF JOHTO AND KANTO! OF WHICH 700 HAVE ENTERED!!
WAA
GOLDENROD RADIO
WAA
THE BATTLE FOR THE TOP SEAT IN TRAINERS IS STARTING!!
AND GOLDENROD RADIO WILL BRING YOU EXCLUSIVE NEWS 'LIVE' FROM INDIGO PLATEAU!!
FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY, MARY MAKES SURE YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING IN THIS FOUR HOUR SPECIAL!!

THE PAST WINNERS OF POKEMON LEAGUE WERE ALL TRAINERS FROM KANTO, PALLET TOWN.
WILL HISTORY BE MADE TODAY OR WILL THIS RECORD BE BROKEN!?
IN THE FIRST PART OF THE CEREMONY ...
WE WELCOME THE PREVIOUS WINNER...
TRAINER FROM PALLET TOWN, RED!!
SILENCE
...UM, EXCUSE ME.
DUE TO SOME MATTERS, RED IS NOT ABLE TO COME TODAY.
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT HIS BATTLE THEN.
THIS IS ONE OF THE BATTLES IN THE PREVIOUS LEAGUE
BO
BO
WHAT !?
OH COME ON!!


NEXT, THE SECOND SEGMENT!
HURRY-!
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S LEAGUE, THE EXHIBITION MATCH OF EIGHT KANTO LEADERS VS EIGHT JOHTO LEADERS!!
THE PRIDE OF EACH CITY WILL GATHER FOR AN ESPECIALLY HIGH-LEVEL BATTLE!
THEY REPRESENT THE BEST OF THE TRAINERS!!
BE PREPARED FOR THE MOST EXCITING OF BATTLES!!
HOHHHH
CLAPCLAP
CLAP
GWWWW
HEH HEH HEH, THEY MUST BE GETTING ALL EXCITED NOW FOR THE LEAGUE.
THEY'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH THAT THE REAL PARTY HAS NOT STARTED YET!!
WITH THE GLOWING STATUE, THEY KNOW THAT THE OWNER IS RETURNING SOON.
BUT THEY WOULDN'T EVEN DREAM THAT TODAY'S THE DAY!
COS'
BYAAAA
...THE STATUE WAS CREATED
...BY NONE OTHER THAN ME!!

IT'S BEEN NINE YEARS, HO-OH!



CHAPTER 154 STOP THE PRANKS, YANMA!

ROUTE 23
TOTTOTTTOTTTOT
AH... I DIDN'T KNOW IT'S SO FAR.
OHHH... I'M HUNGRY...
OH! I STILL HAVE SOME OF THE SWEET POTATOES I GOT AT CIANWOOD!
CATCH. DON'T EAT TOO MUCH AND GET FAT THOUGH.
WHAT
THROW
DO YOU ALWAYS TALK LIKE THIS TO GIRLS? AND THIS ISN'T COOKED AT ALL!
OH, OKAY, EXPLOTARO!